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Research Day May 16, 2014

VA Research: Making A Difference!

**Malcom Randall VA Medical Center
Gainesville, FL
Auditorium**

8:30 – 9:00	Meet and Greet
9:00 – 11:00	Speakers and Presentations
11:00 – 12:30	Research Poster Exhibit

Speaker Profiles

Pledge of Allegiance

Charles Oden, Lieutenant, United States Navy (1982-2002)

Musical Tribute

Lola DeBose, Sergeant, United States Army (1983-1992)

Interactive Research Poster Exhibit

Showcases 10 Researchers and their studies.



Joleen Clark, FACHE, SPHR

- VISN 8 Network Director, Special Guest Speaker
- BS, Accounting, Auburn University
- MBA, Southwest University
- Certification, Fellow in the American College of Hospital Executives
- Certification, Senior Professional in Human Resources
- Society of Human Resources Management, Member
- American College of Healthcare Executives, Member

Topic: *VISN8 Network Director Comments*



Thomas A. Pearson, MD, MPH, PhD

- Guest Speaker, University of Florida
- UF Health Executive Vice President for Research and Education
- Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions and College of Medicine
- Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Preventative Medicine, Clinical Lipidology

Topic: *The 2015–2020 Strategic Plan for Research at the University of Florida Health*



Muna Canales, MD, MS

- VA Research Speaker
- Staff Physician and Health Science Specialist, NF/SGVHS
- Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, Hypertension and Renal Transplantation, UF
- Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology

Topic: *The SNORE Study: Do Sleep Problems Affect Kidney Function?*



Stephen E. Borst, PhD

- VA Research Speaker
- Staff Pharmacologist, NF/SGVHS
- Associate Director, GRECC, NF/SGVHS
- Associate Professor, Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, UF

Topic: *Is Testosterone Replacement Safe and Effective for Older Men?*

Co-presenters: *William C. Mann, PhD, OTR*
Diane C. Cowper Ripley, PhD
Charles E. Levy, MD

Topic: *Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR)*



William C. Mann, OTR, PhD

- VA Research Speaker, Co-presenter
- Director, Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research NF/SGVHS
- Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida
- Director, Center for Telehealth and Healthcare Communications, UF
- Distinguished Professor, PhD Program in Rehabilitation Science, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida



Diane C. Cowper Ripley, PhD

- VA Research Speaker, Co-presenter
- Site Co-Director for Research and Administration, Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR), NF/SGVHS
- Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Health Services Research Management and Policy, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida



Charles E. Levy, MD

- VA Research Speaker, Co-presenter
- Site Co-Director, Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (CINDRR), NF/SGVHS
- Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- Board Certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



Paul Okunieff, MD

- Guest Speaker, University of Florida
- Director, UF Health Cancer Center
- Professor and Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology
- Board Certified in Radiation Oncology

Topic: *Opportunities for VA Research Collaboration with the University of Florida Health Cancer Center*



Floyd J. Thompson, PhD

- VA Research Speaker
- Research Career Scientist, BRRC, NF/SGVHS
- Co-Director, Neurobiology of CNS Trauma and Rehabilitation Laboratory, BRRC, NF/SGVHS
- Initiative Coordinator, Rehabilitation Neuroscience Initiative, BRRC, NF/SGVHS
- Professor Emeritus, Department of Neuroscience, UF
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Physiological Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, UF

Topic: *New Insights in the Understanding and Therapy for Traumatic Brain Injury*

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